

# XMAS GIFTS

Will be advertised by the leading merchants of Columbus in the

## CHRISTMAS EDITION

to be issued by the Columbus Commercial Sunday,

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## Early Xmas Shoppers!

Will be very much in evidence this year. The agitation to "shop early" has influenced many who previously waited until the last moment to make their holiday purchases. The live merchant should go after this trade, and there is no better way to do it than through the columns of the Christmas Edition to be issued by the Commercial on December 12th.

Many extra copies of this paper will be distributed throughout the City and County, giving the local merchants a chance to advertise thoroughly everything for Santa Claus.

### AEROPLANES AND SUB-MARINES PROVE WORTH

DIRIGIBLES HAVE NOT COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS AS WAR MACHINES.

The big guns and gas bombs have been in the spotlight at intervals, but submarines and air craft are undeniably the star actors in the present war. For the first time such has a record of really practical work and valuable results. In the air the aeroplane is acknowledged to be the real dependence. As predicted in these pages a year before the war, the dirigible as a war weapon can be counted a failure. True, a few trips have been made in good weather, crossing the English channel and dropping a few bombs, which have in the whole year's war killed less than 200 people, and these mostly women and children. For a fleet, each vessel of which cost about \$500,000, or over, this cannot be considered much in the way of a result. No battle has been won or even affected by the use of a dirigible. It has unquestionably been an awful nightmare to the British, but when the worst it has done and all it has accomplished are summed up, the dirigible to date must be declared more a menace than a real danger, and largely a fiasco. In fact, every German dirigible which has crossed into England has easily recruited 10,000 men to British arms. Therefore, on account of cost, dependence on good weather, its size as a mark, and small results, it is now fairly well established that a dirigible as a military weapon has lost out.

The aeroplane, on the contrary, that far-reaching eye that sees over mountains and around corners, has more than justified itself. Within the zone of activities an army can no longer begin any important change of base, or advance, or even start a retreat, without it being almost instantly known to the enemy. The perilous work of the spy, so important a few years ago, is now largely taken over by the aviation corps, for a single aeroplane with one pilot and an observer can in fifteen minutes bring in more accurate information than a dozen spies can secure in twenty-four hours, with the additional great advantage of the report being right up to the minute. And as for bombs dropping, if homes and hospitals and churches are still to be destroyed in dastardly manner, the aeroplane is capable of enough mischief to quite compete with the dirigible. The aeroplane is so small a mark and so hard to see, and can change its course so suddenly and often, that the aerial guns have fallen far short of their expected efficiency.

While the submarine has sent a large number of unarmed merchant and passenger boats to the bottom, it has yet, perhaps, for want of opportunity shown meagre results as men of war. All life is alert to protect itself against attack and destruction. As Burbank says, the cactus had no spine until it was threatened with annihilation by antelopes, and the submarine had free hand until recently. Already means have been devised which tend to limit the possibilities of under-sea craft; they are taken like fish in wire nets; they are set upon by a mosquito fleet of small speed boats armed with one-pounders when they show themselves. On the other hand the submarine has demonstrated most satisfactory ability for long voyages, as for instance, one of our own submarines have recently made the trip from San Francisco to Honolulu, a distance of over 2,000 miles, without once stopping its engines. However, for protection of our enormous coast line, a large fleet of submarines seems inevitable. —H. H. Windsor, in Popular Mechanics.

### Nature Warns

AGAINST USING CALOMEL

The sickening, nauseating feeling that follows the use of calomel is the natural result of disarranging your entire system. Doctors everywhere are agreeing that the action of calomel is much too strong, and leaves the body sick and weakened.

LIV-VER-LAX is a wonderful substitute for calomel, that has all of its good effects and none of its bad ones. It acts soothingly but thoroughly on the liver, cleansing it of bile, and ridding the entire system of stagnating poison.

LIV-VER-LAX is strictly a harmless vegetable compound, and is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be refunded. Insist on the original, bearing the likeness and signature of L. K. Grigsby. For sale here at 50c and \$1.00 at John Laws.

FOR RENT—Five room cottage on South Eleventh street, near the college. Apply to Mrs. M. Runciman, 11.

### COAL

Good supply of Brilliant, Red Ash and Carbon Hill Coals on hand at Wood's Coal Yard. Phone 793.

Cure Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves pain and heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

### THE ROPES OF MAUL.

An Ancient Legend of the Sun From the South Seas.

One of the most picturesque legends connected with the sun is that told in the islands of the South Pacific, where it is known as "The Ropes of Maui." It is related that in former times the sun and his wife were so regular in his habits as he is today. In fact, he would rise at the same time, just when the light was needed for the daily tasks of mankind. The great hero Maui undertook to tame him of these erratic habits, and the first step was to seize the sun god's rope. This was accomplished by stringing a series of six stones made of strong coconut fiber along the sun's path in the sky. When the daily heat came from Atahiti, or the land of ghosts, the first stone jerked him, but slipped down and only caught his feet; the second slipped, too, but caught the sun's knees; the third caught around his hips.

Maui, however, scarcely hesitated by these confidences. The fourth stone tightened around his waist, the fifth under his arm, and finally the sixth and last caught him around the neck and almost strangled him. Then the sun god confessed himself vanquished and in fear of his life promised Maui that he would in future adjust his daily journeys more in accordance with the comfort and convenience of mortal men.

He was then allowed to proceed on his way, but Maui prudently declined to take off the ropes, which may still be seen trailing from the sun at dawn and when he descends into the ocean at night. Hence the Islanders say, when they behold the beams radiating from the sun, "Tena te Taura a Maui"—"See the ropes of Maui."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

### ECCENTRIC NORTH RIVER.

Curious Pranks of a Tortuous New England Stream.

Westerners tell of queer behavior and changes of course indulged in by the Missouri river, and Texans aver that for pure cussedness and general fickleness no stream of water can approach the Rio Grande. There is, however, a stream in New England whereof the rest of the country hears little and which should in justice be accorded a place in the list of queer behaving bodies of water.

This is the North river in Massachusetts. It has its source in a pond near Hanson, whence it proceeds in a tortuous course to the sea at Scituate. Now the distance by air line from Hanson to Scituate is only ten miles, but by the North river it is forty.

New Englanders aver that when the tide is coming in the North river runs upstream, and not only that, but the upper part of it, which is fresh water, also runs up. Thus this queer stream presents the strange spectacle of a fresh water river proceeding uphill.

The North river's claim to eccentricity is not, however, limited to this fact. It is so crooked that it doubles on itself. At one spot near Hanover this river, by accomplishing three loops, moves toward the sea for a distance of only fifty feet and wanders about for a distance of about fifteen miles in doing it. In November, 1898, the North river got very cantankerous. It moved its mouth three miles to the northward, thus making a present to the town of Marshfield of a deep harbor. In so doing it killed three men and converted many thousand acres of good meadow land into a salt marsh.

Historically the North river is of note as being the scene of the last Indian raid on the coast settlements.—Philadelphia Record.

### WORKING THE WIRELESS.

The Jump From Long Island Over the Ocean to Germany.

The wireless station at Sayville, N. Y., is the most powerful in the world, flashing messages direct to Nauen, near Berlin.

Fifty miles out from New York city is Sayville, a small town whose principal industries are roadhouses and wireless telegraphy. Here the automobile parties stop for the few bites that always take many dollars before running on into New York, but if it were not for the wireless station the town would never be heard of.

Near the ocean, dropped in a mosquito infested field, the great Telefunken station sprawls over 100 acres. A mile away it looks like a huge spider web, with all its slim poles reaching into the air, interlaced with slender wires.

The little low building is rigged on every side with towering poles—antennae, as they are called. Five hundred feet high they stand—almost as tall as the Washington monument. From these wires radiate the electric waves that leap to Germany. Great blocks of cement, big as cornerstones, are set in the ground, and to them are anchored the guy wires.

The message is flashed across the Atlantic at the rate of twenty-five words a minute, but in case of necessity it can go up to forty. The messages go across in a series of waves, with which the station on the other side is in tune.

The messages go to a small town near Berlin called Nauen, where they are placed in a land wire and forwarded to the capital. The charge for sending a message to Germany is 53 cents a word from anywhere near New York. The 3 cents is the price of the land wire to get it to Sayville.

As soon as the key is touched in America the message is in Germany, the time occupied in crossing being only the fraction of a second. In fact, the message could go around the world seven times in a second.—Homer Croly in Leslie's.

### Daytime Aurora.

An aurora seen in the daytime is described by H. B. Collier in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. The writer was at Viking, Alberta, in latitude 53 degrees north, and observed the aurora half an hour before sunset on April 22. Its visibility was due to the fact that a cloud hung above the horizon, serving as a curtain or screen against which the aurora could be seen. The observer states that "numerous bright, hazy, milky streamers, appearing to have their source just below the cloud, darted upward, rising about fifteen degrees."

### Appeal to Our Citizens.

Our report shows that we received \$1,000 and disbursed over \$1,400.00 during the past twelve months, besides articles of clothing, etc., and the president of each ward gave a lot of valuable time in investigating each case. Certainly there would have been much suffering had it not been for your assistance through our association.

Now, we are asking today through each church for volunteers who will meet with us next Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at 5 o'clock at the First M. E. Church, to help us plan for our next year's work and assist in a campaign for raising funds. Just a little time, will you not give it for the sake of suffering humanity? A little assistance by all will greatly relieve our anxiety and aid distressed people during the next 12 months. A period that will surely try men's souls.

W. N. PUCKETT, Pres.  
MRS. J. T. SANFORD, Sec.

### Notice.

State of Mississippi,  
Lowndes County.

This is to give notice that the Board of Supervisors will meet on the 6th day of December, 1915, being the first day of their regular December meeting, 1915, receive sealed bids or proposals for the building of a steel bridge with concrete floor over Duck Slough on the Caledonia and Steens road in district one, according to plans and specifications on file in the Chancery Clerk's office. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the board this 10th day of November, 1915.

B. A. LINCOLN,  
Clerk.

### Trustee's Sale.

The State of Mississippi,  
County of Lowndes.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust, made and delivered on the 18th day of May, 1914, by Mrs. S. S. Dashiell and her husband, H. J. Dashiell, to secure the payment to W. S. Lindamood and W. N. Puckett of certain indebtedness therein mentioned, record of which said Deed of Trust is made in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County and State, in Deed Book Numbered 99, Page 570, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Court House door in the town of Columbus, said State and County, on the 6th day of December, 1915, within legal hours, the following property, to-wit:

The Northeast (N.E. 1/4) of North west (N.W. 1/4), Section 33, Township 19, Range 17 East, and all that part of the West (W. 1/2) half of Southwest (S.W. 1/4) quarter of Section 28, Tp. 19, Range 17 E., that lies South and West of the Columbus and Starkville road as it now runs; and also all that part of the Southeast (S.E. 1/4) quarter of section 29, Township 19, Range 17 East that lies south and west of the Columbus and Starkville road as it now runs, saving and excepting ninety acres, described as follows: beginning at the Southwest corner of said Southeast quarter of said Section 29, running thence due North 33 chains and 90 lengths, thence South 82 1/2 degrees, East 30 chains, thence due South 26 chains and 50 links, thence due West 30 chains to the point of beginning, containing 108 2-10 acres, situate, lying and being in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The title to the above property believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee under said Deed of Trust.

J. W. LOVING, Trustee.  
Columbus, Miss., Nov. 6th, 1915.

### Commissioner's Sale.

Under and by virtue of a final Decree of the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, made in the cause of Marion Cook vs. Jesse Lee Cook, et al., No. 2498, rendered at the October term, A. D. 1915, thereof, the undersigned Commissioner named in said Decree, will, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1915, being the first Monday thereof, within the legal hours of such sales, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, on the following terms, for cash, the following described real estate, lying, being and situated in the City of Columbus, County of Lowndes, and State of Mississippi, to-wit: A certain lot in the southeast quarter of square eighty-seven (87), north of Main street in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, and described more particularly as follows: commencing at the southeast corner of said square eighty-seven (87) north of Main street, at the corner of Seventh avenue, north, and Thirtieth street, north, and running north a distance of one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, thence west a distance of one hundred (100) feet, thence south to Seventh avenue, north, a distance of one hundred and fifteen (115) feet, thence east along Seventh avenue a distance of one hundred (100) feet, to point of beginning. The same being leasehold property, created by a lease of the trustees of Franklin Academy, for 99 years. Renewal thereafter forever.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me, which is believed to be good.

This the 12th day of November, A. D. 1915.  
B. A. LINCOLN, Commissioner.